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### CEAD MILE FAILTE \*

to the O'verseas Press Club's

### GALA SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CONVOCATION

on Friday, March 17, from 6 to 8 PM, Clubrooms. \$1.50 per member.  
\$2.00 per guest.

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All Sons of Eire, their heirs, friends and members of the OPC are commanded by Hibernian Supreme Grand Marshal CORNELIUS J. RYAN, descendant of the Kings of Tara, to be present for this nocturnal observance o'that Great Day honoring the Birth of Ireland's Patron Saint!... An evening of Gaelic wit and music is in order! An Irish bag-piper in kilts and sporan!... A wee drap or two of brogue-breeding shamrock dew (imported from the Emerald Isle)!... Rollicking Dublin ditties!!

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Hosts for the evening will be the OPC Chapter of the Ancient and Honorable Scions of Hibernian Clans, comprising such sons of the sod as HAL BOYLE, FRANK KELLY, BOB CONSIDINE, JOHN CHARLES DALY and others. As a gesture of peace and friendship for their ancient rival, the Scions of Hibernian Clans present their guest -- EUGENE ENGLISH (that name!), just returned from European duty with Press Wireless....So be sending in your post cards now. Reserve a place at the festive board. All shillelaghs will be parked at the door; all green-lad colleens will be kissed!

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(\*) Gaelic for "A Thousand Welcomes!"



## O F F I C I A L

Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, March 9, 5:30 PM  
(if confirmed by letter)  
Admissions Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, March 13, 6:00 PM  
Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 PM

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## : NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

## ACTIVE:

Wayne Richardson, Associated Press. Hong Kong, 1946-1950, for the Associated Press. Manila and Philippines, January 1946-May 1946. Proposed by LEO BRANHAM; seconded by HAL BOYLE.

William R. Mizelle, Special Projects Editor, McGraw-Hill International. Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, 1947-1949, for New York Times, McGraw-Hill World News and the New Republic. Proposed by WILLIAM DOERFLINGER; seconded by RUSSELL F. ANDERSON.

Virginia Prewett Mizelle, free-lance writer. All Latin-American countries, 1944 to 1947, for Chicago Sun. Proposed by WILLIAM DOERFLINGER; seconded by RUSSELL F. ANDERSON.

## GUEST:

Victor Shimkin, publisher, Novoye Russkoye Slovo (Russian daily). Proposed by EUGENE LYONS; seconded by VICTOR IASKY.

HENRY CASSIDY of NBC's London bureau covered the recent trial of British atomic scientist, Klaus Fuchs. It was CASSIDY who broadcast NBC's newsbeat over all other stations, networks and press wire services with the results of the British elections on February 24... A newly-elected director of the Public Relations Society of America's New York chapter is BATES RANEY of Johns-Manville...JOHN BARKHAM, book editor of Coronet, is co-director of a new syndicated book service for newspapers. The outfit will offer editors eight or nine weekly book review features...

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FOR THE SECOND TIME this season, HENRY C. WOLFE on March 4 addressed the New York Town Hall morning series. His subject: "Europe in Transition"...JOHN LLOYD, chief of the AP's London bureau, arrived last week for ten days' business conferences...Newsweek's television show on Monday, March 13 (8-8:30 PM, WABD-TV, Channel 5) will feature JOHN DALY with "Case-book of Defense"...EDGAR SNOW has just signed a Random House contract to do a full-length bio of Mao Tse-tung, China's new strong man. He'll probably go to China to collect new material....

## In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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# AMERICAN AIRLINES





JUST RETURNED from a month's trip to Mexico City with railroad tycoon Robert R. Young to discuss improvement of Mexican National Railways and possible purchase of surplus sleeping cars is TOM J. DEEGAN, JR., of Chesapeake and Ohio...Back at his Monday evening chore of teaching writing at Columbia University: ARTHUR FLETCHER, chief of the overseas desk of the UN's Press and Publications Bureau...

LOUIS WEINTRAUB, former picture editor of Keystone, is off for a 30-day trip to Europe...The Club extends condolences on the death last week of KATHRYN CRAVEN's sister in Burkett, Tex...The town of Turtle Creek, Pa., is being blessed by a visit from its boy-who-made-good, GENE MANCE, just back from two years in Germany with INS...DAVID BROWN was recently transferred from Frankfurt to duties with the Information Division of ECA in Paris...The turbulent Greek elections found CURT HEYMAN on the scene, covering for UN World...On March 25 DON HUTH of the AP's World Service staff departs for a slot with the AP Tokyo bureau...And next month George Polk Memorial Award Winner Wayne Richardson joins the AP general desk in New York...

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JOHNSON, SENATOR MCMAHON

STRESS PEACE EFFORTS BEFORE PRESS CLUB DINNER

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RICHARDSON WINS POLK AWARD  
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More than 700 members of the Overseas Press Club and their guests attended the 11th Annual Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Friday, March 3, for speeches from Government officials and presentation of the Club's yearly awards. President FRANK KELLEY presided.

In defense of his belt-tightening policies in the Department of Defense, Secretary Louis Johnson declared that the American armed services are "farther ahead than ever in our peace-time history." Patterning his speech after a reporter's story, Secretary Johnson said in his "lead" that he was glad to have an opportunity to answer press attacks on his program. His talk summarized recent defense measures, and he devoted parts of his speech to the Army, Navy and Air Force, asserting that "the situation is more encouraging now than at any time since V-J Day."

Since Senator Brien McMahon was unable to leave Washington because of the coal crisis, his address was read by President KELLEY. The Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy restated his proposals for seeking peace, and suggested first that all

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## **PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS**



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nations cut arms budgets by at least two-thirds and earmark the money thus saved for promoting world-wide economic development and utilization of atomic energy.

General Carlos P. Romulo, president of the UN General Assembly, also spoke briefly. Miss Eleanor Steber, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, opened the program by leading the guests in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Later she sang several light operatic selections.

Dinner Chairman LOUIS P. LOCHNER announced and presented the Overseas Press Club's Annual Awards to the following persons:

The George Polk Memorial Award for "courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond call of duty"

Best press reporting from abroad

Best interpretation of foreign news

Best radio reporting of foreign news

Best television reporting and interpretation

Best photo reporting from abroad

- : Wayne Richardson, AP, for his coverage of Chinese gun fire while aboard the "Flying Arrow"
- : Joseph Newman, New York Herald Tribune, for his series on life in Russia. (Accepted by Whitelaw Reid, NYHT editor)
- : Joseph and Stewart Alsop, New York Herald Tribune (accepted by Walter Kerr, foreign editor)
- : BILL DOWNS, CBS, for reports on Berlin blockade and airlift (accepted by Hubbell Robinson, Jr., CBS v-p)
- : Ernest K. Lindley, Newsweek (accepted by Chet Shaw, executive editor)
- : Henri Cartier-Bresson, Magnum Photos (accepted by Edward K. Thompson of Life)

The awards -- except for the George Polk Memorial Award, which carries a cash recognition of \$500 -- were in the form of engraved bronze scrolls backed by wooden plaques.

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**AWARDS NOTES:** Committee Chairman LEO BRANHAM reports that more ballots were received for OPC annual awards this year than at any time in the Club's history...Envelopes with official ballots were received from as far away as France, Japan, Italy, India, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Greece and Argentina -- and, of course, from coast to coast.

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**DINNER NOTES:** After the roast beef, speeches and presentations were over, most guests adjourned to the Grand Ballroom foyers to renew old friendships and chat with members. General Jimmy Doolittle was discussing military strategy with expert MAJ. GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT... People talked about the yak that went up when Secretary Johnson, analyzing peace possibilities, understated: "The situation in the East bears watching."

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**POST-MORTUM:** That this year's dinner was more than a success is reflected in the letters received at Club Headquarters so far this week. "I enjoyed your annual dinner," wrote Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, "and express to you my deep appreciation of your thoughtful courtesies and kind hospitality." The former governor also noted his pleasure at the award to Joseph Newman in whose behalf Stassen asked a visa of Joe Stalin..."It was a swell affair", writes James A. Farley..."The arrangements were perfect," commented General Robert Eichelberger, "and it was a grand visit in every way."..."Congratulations to you and to the Overseas Press Club," wired William J. Heineman of Eagle Lion films. "As distributors of 'Guilty of Treason', we are indeed grateful to the members of the Club who wrote the book, 'As We See Russia' which served as the basis for the film."...Foy D. Kohler, chief of the State Department's international broadcasting division, wrote that the dinner "was indeed a memorable occasion."...And Brig. Gen. A. Robert Ginsburg wrote that "the Overseas Press Club party was a tremendous success." Mr. Johnson was greatly enthusiastic about the audience and the arrangements."

**LION'S SHARE** of credit for the dinner goes to Committee Chairman LOCHNER who declares he never has worked with a more cooperative group than that which comprised his committee.

**CORRECTION:** The Christian Science Monitor's MARY HORNADAY forwards this comment from CSM foreign editor Joe Harrison: "In The Bulletin (March 4) it says that EDWARD KENDRICK and MARK GAYN were the only Western journalists to cover the trial and that all the rest of the coverage 'was by native Hungarian stringers who filed through official Russian censorship'. This is 100% incorrect, inasmuch as the Monitor stringer, Wilfred Burchett, is British and works there as the regular correspondent for the Daily Express." The Bulletin regrets this and hastens to correct the error.

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**APARTMENT WANTED:** 2½ to 4 rooms, unfurnished, East Side preferred, for veteran member and wife. Several months rent offered in advance. Telephone MU. 5-1000. Extension 609

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